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THREE CENTS

Golden Anniversary

On Monday, June 30, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn, of this town, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at Mount Vernon, N. Y., where friends of long standing gave them a reception and reunion in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church of that city. The Daily Argus, the leading newspaper of that city, published pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Coburn and gave a fine account. The article said in part:

"Friends honored them with a reception for 90 guests in the Fellowship Room of the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Coburn was attired in her wedding gown of embroidered ivory-colored China silk and wore a corsage of rosebuds.

For 24 years Mr. Coburn was clerk of the session of the First Presbyterian Church and served as treasurer of the church school for five years. His wife was active in the church school for 26 years and in the Women's Missionary Society for 20 years. She is an honorary member of the Women's Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Coburn and his wife, the former Miss Lillian Duncan, were classmates in the class of 1893 of the State Normal College for Teachers, Albany, N. Y. They were married June 30, 1897, in the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, New York, by the Rev. Dr. A. D. Vail. The church is no longer in existence.

The following year they came to Mount Vernon and Mr. Coburn became principal of the Penn School and retired in 1926 after 28 years of service. In 1932 they left Mount Vernon to spend their summers at East Northfield and their winters in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. Coburn was born in Canaan, Columbia County, N. Y. and his wife's birthplace was Moore's Mills, Dutchess County, N. Y.

Doctor and Mrs. W. E. Lamberton, of Coxsackie, N. Y., are visiting at the home of Mrs. May Stone on Warwick Ave. Mrs. Lamberston is her daughter, the former Dorothy Stone.

Religious Education

The forty-third Northfield Conference of Religious Education is meeting this week on the Northfield campus and will be in session until July 16. The 450 delegates represent all the principal Protestant denominations and come from a wide area in the Northeast, although the majority represent churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Dean Charles M. Noble, of Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University, the conference chaplain, is conducting the daily chapel service at 11 each morning. He is widely known as a young people's speaker and is a frequent guest preacher at the Northfield schools. Under Dr. Noble's skillful leadership the chapel service is proving to be one of the high points of the conference.

Other well-known conference leaders include Dr. Ralph Harlow, of Smith College, and Miss Edith Welker, director of children's work of the Connecticut Council of Churches.

George Field Dies

Death came to George A. Field, age 67, on Wednesday, July 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Field on Warwick Ave. He had been in failing health for a long time.

He was born January 1, 1880, in Greenfield, the son of Warren G. and Nellie (Delvy) Field and had spent most of his life in Northfield Farms, where he attended school. He operated a travelling sawmill for several years and later was employed by the Millers Falls company for more than twenty-five years.

In about 1920 he married Louise Bailey, of Turners Falls, who survives. Others include two sisters, Mrs. Fred Clough and Mrs. Ernest Whitney; a brother, Charles Field, of this town; an aunt, Mrs. Charles Field, and several nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews, all in this town.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon at Kidder's Funeral Parlor with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating. Burial was in the Center Cemetery.

Grover-Stone

At the Congregational Church last Sunday afternoon took place the marriage of Miss Isabell Lura Stone, daughter of Mrs. Fred E. Stone, of Warwick Ave., to Clifford B. Grover, son of Mrs. Joseph L. Grover, of Bernardston, in a double-ring service with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating. The church was decorated with flowers, greens and candles. Miss Betty Phelps was at the organ.

Miss Eleanor Severance was maid of honor and Miss Phyllis Ruhl and Mrs. Robert Flagg, bridesmaids. Walter Grover, Jr., of Bernardston, nephew of the bridegroom, was best man, and Carl J. Stone, brother of the bride, and Howard J. Grover, brother of the bridegroom, ushered.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Niles E. Stone, wore a white lace gown with long train, long sleeves and tight-fitting bodice with fingertip veil. Her bouquet was of white roses, baby's breath and a shower of white sweet peas.

The maid of honor wore an aqua gown and carried white carnations and iris. Miss Ruhl wore a light pink jersey gown and carried pink carnations and bachelor buttons. Mrs. Flagg wore a powder blue gown and carried orchid carnations and baby's breath.

Mrs. Stone wore a powder blue crepe dress with white accessories. Mrs. Grover wore a dress of navy and powder blue print with white accessories. Both wore corsages of gardenias.

Following the ceremony there was a reception in the church vestry. After the reception the couple left on an unannounced wedding trip and upon their return will reside in Bernardston.

The bride graduated from Northfield High School in 1946. The bridegroom was graduated from Powers Institute in 1941 and served in the Army.

Town Nurse Reports

Miss Natalie Gowan, our town nurse, reports for the month of June and states that the number of calls made was 121; chronic, 69; acute, 16; infant health supervision, 24; adult health supervision, three; pre-school health supervision, two; social service, one; transportation, three; meetings attended, two. One of the latter was a district meeting at Leeds Hospital and the other, a meeting of the American Nurse Association in Newcastle.

A showing of many flower pastels done by Mrs. Mildred A. Nims, of Main Street, is being made at Demonds Gallery on Main Street in Greenfield and will continue through July and part of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Avery, of Northfield, are enjoying a vacation this week by motor but will return to reopen their store today.

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They Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Gowen, of Alstead, N. H., announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Joy Gowen, to John Joseph Hurley, son of Mrs. John Hurley, of this town. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Gowen is well known here as Northfield's town nurse.

Recent food sales held by the Grange on the lawn of Mrs. Emory Rikert on Winchester Road and that of the Friendly Class of the Congregational Church last Saturday on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell were a success and early sold out.

Most of the summer cottages on the hillsides are now being occupied by their owners and it is reported that the number of such is far in excess of many years.

Hobby Show Today

Don't miss seeing the Hobby Show and visiting the museum of the Historical Society today, Friday, July 11, from 3 to 9 o'clock at the museum on Pine Street. There will be many unique collections in the Hobby Show and among the displays will be historical documents including the first Indian deeds given for town lands. There will be collections of dolls, shawls, lamps, buttons, jewelry and bracelets, postage stamps and woodwork. Mrs. Martin Vorce is chairman of the committee in charge. There is a small charge for admission. Miss Elsie Scott is president of the society.

Triple Anniversary

The Cape Play House of Dennis observed its twentieth anniversary on Friday, July 4, when Mr. and Mrs. Richard Aldrich invited a large number of friends for a festive occasion. The event had added interest because the date was the twentieth anniversary of their wedding and the date was also that of Mrs. Aldrich's birthday, she being best known as Gertrude Lawrence. They own and conduct the playhouse which has been an outstanding success. Mr. Aldrich is well known in Northfield by many friends as a former resident, having spent his boyhood days here with his parents at their summer home, "Sunny Shadow," in Pine Grove on Rustic Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eastman are moving into the former Finch residence on Winchester Road which they recently purchased from Cortland and Donald Finch.

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Fournier-Gould

Miss Shirley Mae Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gould, of South Vernon, and Francis R. Fournier, also of South Vernon, were married last Friday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. E. W. Blackstone in a double-ring ceremony. The house was decorated with cut flowers and laurel.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Raymond Gould, a sister-in-law, as matron of honor. The best man was Raymond Gould, brother of the bride.

The bride wore a white street-length dress, white hat, and corsage of white roses. The matron of honor wore an aqua dress, black hat and corsage of white roses.

The bride's mother wore a pink floral print dress with corsage of pink roses. There was a reception after the wedding and the couple left for a week in New York.

Mrs. Fournier attended the local schools and was graduated from Northfield High School.

Mr. Fournier attended schools in New York.

Town Topics

Miss Edith Babbitt and Mrs. William Voorhies have reopened their cottages in the Pine Grove section for the summer.

Miss Lucy Eveleth, former librarian at Dickinson Library, has returned to Northfield and will finish the work she began of cataloging the many books on the library shelves. The present librarian, Mrs. Florence Phelps, has been home for a few days owing to illness and Mrs. H. C. Ruhl has been substituting for her.

Litutenant-Commander and Mrs. F. M. Hickey, of New York city, have rented the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown on Birnam Road for the summer. Mrs. Hickey is a sister of Mrs. Louis Van Phelan of this town. The Browns are at Ocean Point Inn, Maine, for the summer season.

Sutherland cottage, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huber, of this town; Wheaton cottage owned by Kenneth Page, of Pawtucket, R. I., and Drumtochty cottage, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wasser, of New York, located on Woodruff Way, Rustic Ridge, are all undergoing much improvement.

Miss Ruth Brown, of Bridgeport, Conn., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brown and son George, also of Bridgeport, at her cottage on Rustic Ridge over last week end. Mr. Brown is her brother.

Mrs. Schulyer Spaulding, of Hartford, Conn., is a guest of the Misses Curtis at their summer home on West Lane, Rustic Ridge, this week end.

The town has finished the oiling of streets and the job done under the supervision of the road superintendent and Selectman George H. Sheldon was a good one. Seems everybody is satisfied.

Rhododendrons

The newly acquired Rhododendron State Reservation of New Hampshire, situated near Fitzwilliam, will be the mecca for thousands of flower lovers this week end and for the next two weeks. The reason is that the plants will be in bloom and will offer an unusual sight to win full and complete admiration.

It is expected that the plants will begin to blossom and reach their peak about the 19th. The reservation includes an old house, 200 years old, and there are 278 acres in the reservation. This year the entire reservation is in charge of J. Wilcox Brown and family and he is a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry. The large pink and white blossoms may be admired from paths and roadways but the public is warned not to pick. It's only a short auto trip to Fitzwilliam via Winchester and Richmond from Northfield and our citizens should avail themselves of a visit to the reservation.

About Virginia Camp

Virginia Camp is under full swing and a large group of children from the children's havens of Boston are enjoying a vacation stay and outing. The camp is under the direction of Miss Bates and the officers of the haven, including Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murray, of Boston, have visited to supervise the many improvements made. The camp is ideal for its purpose and is conducted strictly along religious as well as educational lines.

Counsellors are active workers in their own churches and fully in sympathy with the enterprise. Our citizens as well as all summer residents are cordially invited to call at the camp and become acquainted and it is hoped that all who can will contribute as in past years, 'not only funds but fruits and vegetables which will be constantly needed. Next Sunday the children of the camp will give a concert on the lawn at the home of Mrs. William R. Moody at 4 o'clock and everyone is cordially invited to attend. By your presence aid this worthy endeavor.

For Hospital Aid

The Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary desires to enlist the support of the citizens of Northfield in its work and to give all an opportunity to contribute to its needs during the coming year. The fees for patients are kept as reasonable as possible but they do not meet the cost. Service in administering to the comfort of the patients as well as to their care has increased in cost and the extra funds must be secured from friends within the territory which the hospital serves. To this end the women's auxiliary of the hospital is seeking contributions and such contributions may be sent to anyone of the following members of the committee for Northfield: Mrs. Charles L. Johnson, Mrs. Allen H. Wright or Mrs. George Pefferle. Helping the Brattleboro Hospital is a most worthy endeavor and if only a dollar is contributed it will be appreciated.

July Fourth Party

On Friday afternoon, July 4, a very pleasant social time and covered dish supper was enjoyed by a number of neighbors on Rustic Ridge. At the invitation of Miss Josephine Moody and Miss Therese Simar about twenty Ridgeites gathered at the attractive cottage of Miss Simar where they spent some time enjoying the artistic environment out of doors and the quaint attractive arrangement of the rooms indoors.

Then the guests were invited to the terrace, a beautiful spot at the rear of the cottage where tables were set with Fourth of July decorations and place cards for the individual guests. A variety of cold meats, salads and escalloped potatoes were served with tea and coffee and home-made gingerbread topped with applesauce as a dessert. After supper a social hour followed with an interesting program.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our dear wife and mother. We are grateful for the many expressions of sympathy and especially for the owners at the time of the funeral.

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MR. AND MRS. HAROLD FRISBIE.

Mrs. Burton A. Spencer, of Canton, Ohio, was a visit last week at the home of the Misses Hamilton off Winchester Road last week. She also visited other relatives on the Ridge and at Fitchburg.

Mrs. Lewis Houdus, of Main Street, recently attended the fiftieth reunion of her class at Oberlin College and also visited friends at her earlier home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Arrive in Pretoria

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson have arrived safely in South Africa and now are in Pretoria where winter is raging at this season of the year. Mr. Dickerson assumed his responsibilities as a member of the State Department services there and it will be a new experience since his last location at Lison in Portugal and previously at Moscow. Mr. Dickerson is the son of Mrs. Dickerson of this town and his wife is the daughter of Mrs. William R. Moody. Both cables and letters have been received recently.

The Massachusetts Christian Endeavor conference will be in session here July 19 to 26 and will be followed by the United Presbyterian Eastern summer conference on July 26 to August 2 when the general conference will convene to continue through August 11.

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New Church Progress

The first anniversary of the launching of the building fund campaign of the local Congregational Church was celebrated Tuesday evening at a special meeting attended by a large number of members and friends of the church. The high spot of the occasion was the announcement by George McEwan, general chairman of the drive, that the fund now totals \$25,003 in gifts and pledges.

Reports were made by the co-chairmen of the building plans committee, the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, pastor of the church, and Edward S. Frary. This committee has been actively engaged during the past year in studying what other communities have done in the matter of church building and have also made an intensive study of the local situation. They also introduced an architect, Philip H. Rogers, of Rogers and Linde, of Ware, who had prepared tentative plans for the new building, which the committee presented for the approval of the congregation.

Mr. Rogers showed the plans to the audience by means of slides projected on a large screen and was in this way able to explain a three-step plan by which the new building may be erected as funds are available. Tentative approval was given to the plans and the committee, which has been serving as a building plans committee, was reelected as the actual building committee. In addition to the co-chairmen, the committee consists of Fred Holton, Mrs. Gordon Moody, Miss Clarice Carpenter and Miss Alice Drake.

In his report Mr. McEwan pointed out that on July 8, 1946, the campaign opened without a single advance contribution, but that in the four report meetings held during the year more than a quarter of the goal had been reached. The first report meeting was on July 22 when \$17,043 was reported, the second on October 9 with \$18,800, the third on February 24, 1947, with \$22,000 reported. The largest gift so far was one for \$1,600. Other gifts included six for \$1,000, four for \$500, one for \$375, one for \$350, two for \$300, eight for \$250 and four for \$200. Contributions have also been received from former Mount Hermon students and from summer residents. He expressed his thanks to the fifty-seven committee members who have worked with him during the first year and also to various church organizations who have been

Hear Church Service

A public address system has been installed in the Vernon Home at South Vernon and it will be possible for the guests at the home to hear hereafter the services as conducted in the Christian Advent Church. The installation was a gift from E. S. Bailey and Thomas Batchelor. Its first use for recent services was much appreciated.

Junior Baseball

The Junior American Legion baseball team, made up of Northfield boys up to 16 years of age, has been completely equipped with sixteen handsome baseball suits, caps and stockings, a gift of Ross L. Spencer, of Spencer Brothers. These boys made a fine showing and are a very enthusiastic group of young leaguers.

A thin man, resent the pressure of a fat man on the streetcar seat, muttered, "They ought to charge by weight."

"If they did, sonny," said the fat man, "you'd have to walk. They couldn't afford to stop for you."

"My dear," called a wife to her husband in the next room, "what are you opening that can with?"

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Town Topics

Miss Helen Handy and her mother are now occupying the house formerly used by the Howard family at 23 Winchester Road.

Reverend and Mrs. George Gray and daughter Nina, of Meriden, Conn., greeted many friends in South Vernon the past week. He was a former minister of the South Vernon church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bassett, of West Northfield, are enjoying a vacation by motor through Northern New York State and along the Canadian border.

The old skating rink on Main Street near the Congregational Church has been abandoned as a dismal failure. The little "shanty" and the flag pole have been removed and contributed to the Boy Scouts for use at their camp on Ashuelot Mountain. The skating rink was an expensive experiment.

Miss Therese Simar, of Woodruff Way, Rustic Ridge, gave an afternoon party and luncheon on the terrace of her home recently to a number of invited friends.

The Amherst Journal in an article in a recent issue gives some publicity to the work of the Youth Hostel movement and lists quite a number of Amherst folks who are active as key individuals in its efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gredler, of Ithaca, N. Y., announce the birth of a son, Christopher, on Monday, July 7, at Ithaca. Grandson of Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, of this town, and of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Proper, of Summit, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Churchill, of South Vernon, are on a motor trip and visit with relatives in St. Albans, Vermont.

Mrs. Warren Whitman, of Highland Ave., who has been quite ill at the Keene Hospital has returned to her home here and is improving.

Mrs. John Jackson and children, of Elizabeth City, N. C., are visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herman White, at their home on the Hunsdale road.

Roy Stearns, of Providence, R. I., is visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Morgan, of East Northfield.

The young folks of the Congregational Church will enjoy a roller skating party at South Deerfield rink next Monday evening. Cars will leave from Morgan's store at 7 o'clock.

The W. C. T. U. will conduct a food sale on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Colton on Main Street Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock July 16. There will be a fine selection of good foods. If stormy, the next day.

Merritt C. Skilton has been re-elected a director of the Greenfield Co-operative Bank for another year. The bank is well represented in Northfield by a large number of loans.

Sidney Given, Jr., has purchased three lots including the cottage "Ship's Cabin," in Mountain Park from the McRoberts estate.

Goes To Norway

Russell L. Durgin, who has been in Tokyo, Japan, under MacArthur for 20 months, arrived in Seattle, Wash., last Saturday. After being discharged from the Army on Monday he flew to San Francisco to see his daughter, Helen (Mrs. Charles Miller), for a short visit, then flying to New York where Mrs. Durgin and sons, Larry and Russ, Jr., met him and spent a few days with him before flying to Oslo, Norway, where he attends the World Youth Conference.

Small Bobby had been to a birthday party, and, knowing his weakness, his mother looked him straight in the eye and said, "I hope you didn't ask for a second pie of cake?"

"No," replied Bobby, "I only asked Mrs. Smith for the recipe so you could make some like it and she gave me two pieces just of her own accord."

There are two good and attractive summer homes for rent on Rustic Ridge for portions of the season. Anyone interested please contact Mr. Hoehn.

The Grange had a box social after the meeting Tuesday evening. The next meeting will be a mystery ride, July 23. All cars will leave the hall at 7 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton and children, Dennis and Dale Ann, of Silver Springs, Md., and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bolton.

Mrs. Russell Durgin, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle for the past ten days, has returned to her home in New Haven.

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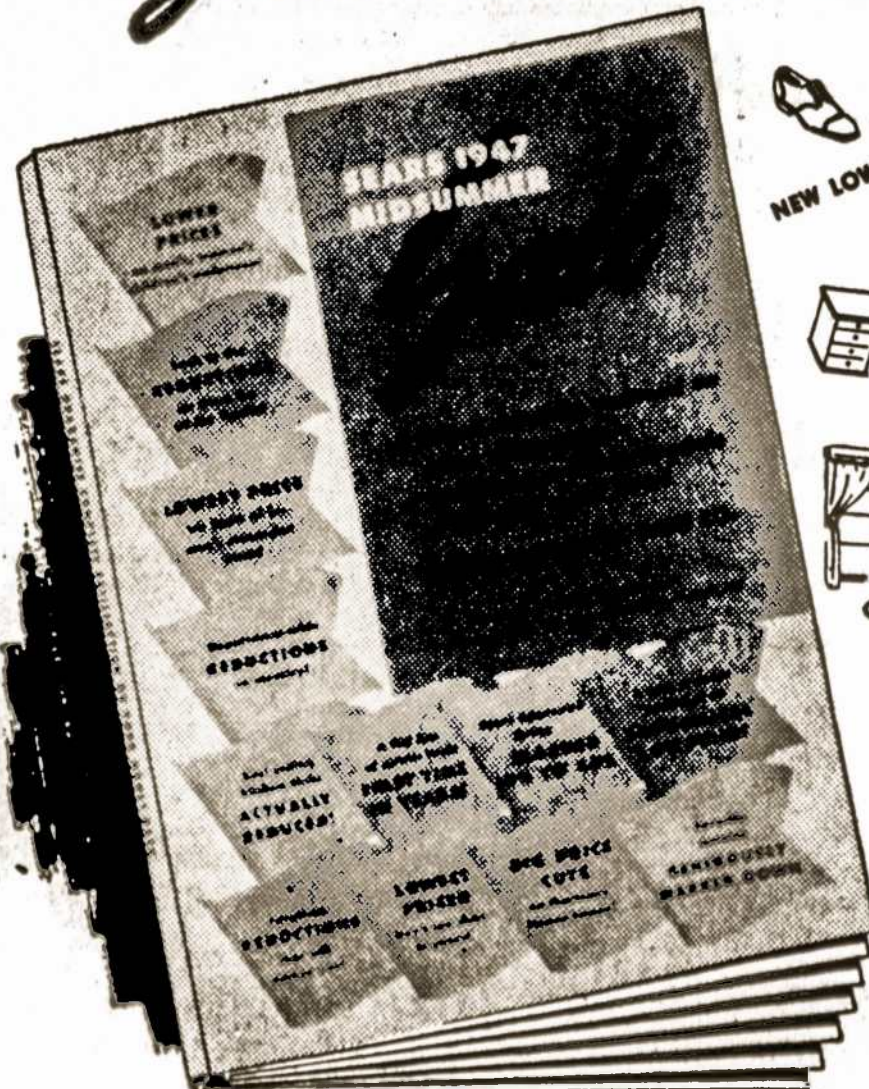
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A son, Thadd Wright, was born to
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A son, Daniel James, was born to
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Goodwin, of
this town, at the Franklin County
Hospital on Sunday, July 6, grandson
of Mrs. Shirley Kehl of this town and
Mrs. Bertha J. Goodwin, of Franklin,
Pennsylvania.

The will of the late Charles L. Gil-
bert of this town leaves his estate to
his widow and creates a trust fund
with the First National Bank and
Trust Company, of Greenfield, as ad-
ministrator.

Rev. Ernest Edmonds, of St. Luke's
Episcopal Church, of Niles, Ohio, with
his wife, are spending the month of
July on vacation with her mother,
Mrs. Julia S. Ennis, of South Vernon.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Grace
C. Cornell on Winchester Road include
Mrs. Franklin McKeever, of Cleve-
land, Ohio; Mrs. Martha McCabe, of
Northampton, and Mrs. LaHommie-
dieu, of Philadelphia.

Ray G. Barber and his wife, of
Springfield, have purchased from
George W. Andrews, of Orange, some
seventy acres of land, known for many
years as the Moody Farm, on Flower
Hill in Warwick near Northfield.

The playing of the chimes in Revell
tower of Sage chapel is much appre-
ciated by all within hearing. The
player is Theodore Garland, formerly
a student at Mount Hermon School,
who has sounded the chimes for many
years. He is now studying at Heidel-
burg College in Ohio. As a member of
the Hermon Alumni he maintains his
interest in the Northfield schools.

Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Thomas J. Duncan, of Jamaica, N. Y.,
is spending a vacation with her par-
ents at their summer home on Rustic
Ridge.

Gustav Wolf, well known artist and
painter of this town, has received very
favorable commendation for his paint-
ing, the "Connecticut Valley," by a
foremost art critic at a recent ex-
hibit.

David Van Phelan, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Louis Van Phelan, of Main
Street, has passed his examination for
entrance this fall in Phillips Exeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carr, who
have been staying for a while at the
home of his father, George W. Carr,
on Winchester Road, have left by
motor to cross the continent for Cali-
fornia where he will locate. Enroute
they will visit friends at Syracuse and
Chicago.

Miss Elinor Peck of this town is
participating in the first national as-
sembly of the Westminster Fellowship
which is meeting at Grinnell College
in Iowa. The organization is con-
nected with the Presbyterian Church.
After the assembly Miss Peck goes
to Association Camp in Colorado.

There are no services at the Uni-
tarian Church through July and Au-
gust and no services at the Congre-
gational Church although its congre-
gation will worship with the Sunday
meetings of the various conferences.

The Community Club of No. 3
Schoolhouse held a club picnic on the
Fourth at the school building with
about fifty attending. All enjoyed a
very good time with picnic lunch and
sports.

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